

MILLION IN BOUNTIES YET COYOTES MULTIPLY

Oregon Has Spent Vast Sum, But Still Coyotes are on Increase—Bill Grows Larger Every Year—Where Will It End?

County Judge E. H. Test recently received from Secretary of State Sam A. Koser a statement which should arouse the interest of everyone who is interested in the effort to reduce taxation in this state. Although, as everyone who lives in Eastern Oregon knows, the number of coyotes roving the hills in eastern Oregon of these days is greater than in recent years, Oregon has spent nearly a half million dollars in an attempt to eradicate them through the bounty system. In thirteen years a total of \$868,048.62 by state and counties in the futile effort to clear the hills of these predatory pests.

Malheur county since 1909 has spent \$58,598.34, and for the next few months will pay out of its general fund nearly \$4000 per month, for the state appropriation has been exhausted and the counties have to pay the bill until a deficiency measure can pass the legislature to refund them.

Taxpayers will find the following figures from Mr. Koser's office most illuminating. They should be studied by those who are seeking relief from tax burdens. A letter to Mr. Koser expressing your views might aid in getting the law repealed. In part Mr. Koser says:

"By the provisions of Sections 9281-9309, Oregon Laws, the counties are authorized to pay specified bounties for the destruction of certain predatory animals. The counties, under such provisions and appropriations from the General Fund of the state by the Legislative Assembly, are reimbursed for one-half of the bounties so paid. Since May 22, 1909, the time the bounty law became effective the State of Oregon has reimbursed the counties of the state during the several biennial periods, as follows:

May 22, 1909 to April 30, 1911 \$38,540.75
May 1, 1911 to Dec. 31, 1912 39,037.75
Jan. 1, 1913 to Dec. 31, 1914 47,725.75
Jan. 1, 1915 to Dec. 31, 1916 70,851.25
Jan. 1, 1917 to Dec. 31, 1918 75,521.75
Jan. 1, 1919 to Dec. 31, 1920 64,999.00
Jan. 1, 1921 to Sept. 30, 1922 97,348.31

May 22, 1909 to Sept. 30, 1922—Total \$434,024.31

During the same period the thirty-six counties of the state have paid an equal sum, viz: Baker, \$15,833.29; Benton, \$481.46; Clackamas, \$2,209.83; Clatsop, \$3,637.94; Columbia, \$1,018.75; Coos, \$4,743.19; Crook, \$26,563.68; Curry, \$6,490.12; Deschutes, \$7,670.75; Douglas, \$10,942.67; Gilliam, \$11,714.83; Grant, \$17,334.15; Harney, \$94,647.83; Hood River, \$774; Jackson, \$9,504.18; Jefferson, \$6,702.03; Josephine, \$2,673.67; Klamath, \$12,256.05; Lake, \$43,873.15; Lane, \$5,894.89; Lincoln, \$1,985.25; Linn, \$1,463.00; Malheur, \$58,598.34; Marion, \$603.53; Morrow, \$15,690.18; Multnomah, \$202.00; Polk, \$303.56; Sherman, \$4,176.00; Tillamook, \$4,101.57; Umatilla, \$18,277.01; Union, \$6,457.39; Wallowa, \$12,529.21; Wasco, \$12,945.66; Washington, \$5636.50; Wheeler, \$10,459.52; Yamhill, \$729.00. Total, \$434,024.31.

This evidences the fact that during the period embraced between May 22, 1909 and September 30, 1922, the State of Oregon and the several counties have paid a grand total of \$868,048.62 in bounties for the destruction of certain predatory animals, such as coyotes, wild cats, mountain lions, etc.

The purpose of this letter is to convey the above information to you and at the same time inquire whether there is a sentiment in your county for the repeal of the law authorizing the payment of such bounties by the counties and state combined, as I have been given to understand that as the payment of the bounties does not tend to materially decrease the number of the animals for the destruction of which is provided, there is a desire on the part of many of our citizens that both the counties and state be relieved of this increasing annual burden.

YOUNG MOTHER IS VICTIM OF SUDDEN HEART ATTACK

Mrs. V. V. Jensen who moved to Ontario just a few weeks ago from Harney county died suddenly at her home east of Ontario near the Snake river bridge last Thursday following a heart attack, which she first suffered on Sunday, November 5.

Mrs. Jensen is survived by her husband and two daughters aged five and seven years by a former marriage, and also by her father and mother in Burns. Funeral services were held Sunday morning from the Baptist church, interment being made in the Ontario cemetery.

Mae Marshall Jensen was born in Harney, Harney county October 26, 1898, and was married first when but 14 years of age. She was a niece of Mrs. L. L. Seaward of this city.

PARMA DROPS GAME TO LOCALS 14 TO 7

Forward Pass to Goal Line Received by McCreight Brings Victory to Local Colors—Game is Most Interesting of Season

When Ronald McCreight caught a forward pass heaved across the goal line in the second half, Ontario won the football game last Friday afternoon with Parma, 14 to 7, for both teams made the try-for-point following their touchdowns.

The game was the most interesting played so far on the local gridiron. Parma, the conquerer of Weiser which had badly defeated Ontario earlier in the season came expecting to win, but found the rejuvenated Ontario team a different proposition.

In the first quarter Ontario by straight line bucking with Shay, Kanyid and Rood pouring through the holes which Luehrs, Wiseman and Frost opened up, tore down the field and crossed the goal line once and converted the goal. This gave the locals the lead of 7 to 0.

Parma opened the second half with a puzzling assortment of forward passes which they worked so successfully that the Ontario defense failed to stop them until Parma had scored and tied the game. Then Ontario awoke.

With defeat facing them by having victory snatched away Ontario itself resorted to forward passes mixed however with off tackle bucks, the latter being most effective until within the shadow of the Parma goal line, Ontario carried the ball down the field, and by good generalship so mixed the play that Parma was not looking for a forward pass to carry the ball over, but it did and McCreight proved the hero of the game.

Friday the locals met Caldwell and the student body has adopted the slogan, "Beat Caldwell" and the rallying cry for the game. Both teams have lost to Boise and are evenly matched so another good game is looked for. On the following Friday Vale comes to Ontario for a game and the season will end on Thanksgiving day when the Alumni will stage their annual comeback against the regulars.

MALHEUR COUNTY WINS AT STATE LAND PRODUCTS SHOW

Malheur county carried off its usual share of the honors at the State Land Products again this year winning four first places and three seconds on corn and a first and second on Rural potatoes. The total premiums won amount to \$107.50, checks for the same having been forwarded from Portland and through the farm bureau. John Kakabeke won first on ten ears of white dent corn and first on one hundred ears of the same class; Gerritt Greet won first on ten ears of yellow dent; F. M. Dunn won first on one hundred ears of yellow dent and second on ten ears of the same; C. H. Moeller took second on ten ears of white dent. In the Rural potato class Graham Park won first on ten specimens and second on one bushel.

L. Adam came down from St. Anthony where he lives now to look after his local interests here, and declared that it still feels like coming "home" to come to Ontario.

I would greatly appreciate an early response to the question as well as any comment upon the law which you may desire to make."

ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL CLUB DURING PAST YEAR REVIEWED

Promotion of Best Interests of Entire Valley Chief End Sought—Work Done to Aid Railroad and Irrigation Construction—Highway Matters Given Attention—Dairy Excursion and the Weevil Control Aided—Many Other Projects Aided

By W. H. Doolittle, Secy.

It is believed that the work of the Ontario Commercial club during the past year is going to have more effect on the destiny of Ontario and this section than anything done for years. Everything undertaken was of a constructive line that will help the building up of this territory of which Ontario is a part. No effort was made to build Ontario alone, but to work on the things that would help this whole section of country, believing that in so doing Ontario is building on a sure foundation that will ultimately make it the center of rich and prosperous country. While it is not possible to go into all of the work of the Club it will be interesting to mention some of the things done during the past year.

Railroads

About the 12th of June of this year the Supreme Court of the United States rendered its decision unmerging the Central Pacific railroad from the Southern Pacific system. Immediately a campaign was undertaken by the Southern Pacific to have this decree nullified, and with this end in view they started in arousing the sentiment of all of the western part of the State of Oregon in favor of doing so.

Recognizing that the unmerger of the C. P. from the S. P. Railroad was Ontario's chance to get an extension of the Crane line to a connection with the Willamette Valley and with San Francisco, the Ontario Commercial club immediately sent letters to Bend, Burns, Klamath Falls and Lake View to ask for a meeting of all of these towns at Bend to talk over matters and formulate a program for supporting the unmerger and getting railroad construction. As Bend declined to meet with us to discuss the matter the place of meeting was changed to Burns and there it was held on July 15th.

The Ontario Commercial club sent 10 delegates to that meeting, at which time the Central Oregon Development League was formed, with J. W. McCulloch as president, and W. H. Doolittle as secretary. With the Ontario Commercial club furnishing the money for Malheur county, and assisted by contributions from Harney, and Deschutes counties and by private contributions from several large companies, a campaign was started that resulted in Baker, LaGrande, Pendleton, The Dalles, Hood River, Prineville, and Condon, all in Eastern Oregon, passing resolutions favoring the unmerger. Many towns in the Willamette Valley were visited and meetings were held there. Thousands of pieces of literature were given out and the campaign changed the sentiment of thousands west of the Cascades into favoring the unmerger. The Public Service Commission of the State of Oregon became interested in the matter with the result that they have filed a complaint with the Inter-state Commerce commission demanding that however the matter is settled, that the line across the state from Ontario to Eugene be built, and that will enable this line to connect with California and Western Oregon points.

The Interstate Commerce commission will hold a meeting at Washington this month and it is believed that the work that has been done this season will result in railroad construction in this territory in 1923.

Reclamation Work

About January, 1922 the Government Reclamation Service sent to the Ontario Commercial club a copy of their report on the feasibility of the Owyhee Project, together with the maps and costs of building same. It appearing to the club from this data that the lands would stand the cost and that the building of same would be of great advantage to Malheur county from every standpoint it was resolved to push the matter with all of our power.

Meetings have been held with Senator McNary and Stanfield, with Representative Sinnott and with Director Davis of the Reclamation

Service. Meetings have been held with the Portland Chamber of Commerce and with representatives of the railroad. Letters have been sent out by the hundreds in efforts to enlist the support of Governors, Representatives and Senators. Even the President has been asked to help. The result of this campaign is that the needs of Malheur county have been presented so strongly to our senators, representatives in Congress, our Reclamation officials our Governor and to the Portland Chamber of Commerce, that they cannot longer ignore us and shove us aside for some other section of Oregon, but must now recognize that Malheur county is entitled to Reclamation funds. Whether this money goes to the Owyhee Project, the Dead Ox Flat, which was part of the Owyhee Project, or to the Warm Springs-Dead Ox Flat, it was the campaign waged ceaselessly by this club that caused the feeling in Washington that we could not be kept down. It has taken nearly \$300 during the past three years to keep up this fight, but it has been money well spent and the day is close at hand when the development of some of these projects will bring back this money a hundredfold to this community.

Good Roads

During the past year a steady fight was kept up to secure for Ontario and Malheur county its share of funds for roads in this county. The Club has had representatives at meetings of the Highway commission at Portland and Salem on many occasions as well as entertaining the Commission at Ontario. In fact the Commission has been before the Commission so many times that now they all call one another by their first names. The result of these meetings is that Malheur county has been able to secure the building of many needed roads and is in line for others at an early date. The thanks of this community are due to the Ontario Commercial club road committee and the thousands of dollars spent by the club on these matters in the last three years has been money well spent.

During the past year the club secured from the Oregon State Tourist bureau the promise to establish a branch office in Ontario if this club would provide an office and furnish some seven big signs directing tourists to its office. These conditions were met and Ontario has been promised that an office will be maintained here during the entire year, instead of 5 months as was done this season. The establishment of this office was due to the fact that the club sent delegates to the Baker meeting of the old Oregon Trail and while contributing its share for literature to advertise the route, also convinced the State Tourist bureau that such an office was needed at this point. The showing made here this season was such that the State officials have seen the necessity of increasing this service.

The Ontario Tourist Park is another evidence that the Commercial club has been looking to the future and building something to take care of the ever increasing crop of tourists that will be going through our city. The location along the Highway is ideal from the standpoint of taking care of the tourists and causing them to stop in Ontario. We take the credit of having sent some 15 of our members out to view this park before it was purchased by the City Council and recommending it. Last year the club spent \$300 in improving the park and hopes to make other improvements this year. Another year and this park will be ready for tourists. The city should join in this work of improving, but not having the money available last year, all the work was done with money furnished by the Commercial club.

Dairy Specialists Visit Here

In line with their efforts to develop this section of the county was the spending of \$150 to bring to Malheur county the Dairy Special-

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PAYETTE AND FRUITLAND BANKS CLOSE THEIR DOORS

When banking hours arrived this morning the Payette National bank did not open for business. In the afternoon following a run upon it, the Fruitland bank ceased to do business.

ONTARIO MAN LISTED AMONG POSSIBLE STATE APPOINTEES

Portland newspapers have already begun to speculate upon the personnel of the various state departments when Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce takes office. Among the names mentioned for various places in the Oregon Journal of Tuesday was that of W. F. Homan of this city who was listed as a possible appointee for the position of Insurance Commissioner. The announcement of his name proved somewhat of a surprise to Mr. Homan and his friends who have since given his candidacy endorsement.

ONTARIO AGAIN WINS INDIVIDUAL CONTEST

Paul Neece Repeats Jim McCreight's Judge of Stock in Northwest—Team Takes Third Place

For the second time in two years a representative of the Ontario High school stock judging team won first place among the High school teams of the Pacific coast in the judging contest at the Pacific International stock show. This year Paul Neece repeated the performance of James McCreight of the 121 team, and brought home the individual cup.

As a team, however, Ontario was third, having been topped by the Boise High school team and the team from Ontario, California, which were first and second respectively. The contest was open to teams from twenty-one High schools having the Smith-Hughes course in agriculture.

Ontario scored first honors as a team among the High schools of Oregon, raising its record in the state several positions over last year.

The team this year was made up as follows: Paul Neece, whose score at Portland was 10 out of a possible 1000; Edward Poorman and Clyde Kershner. The team score at Portland was 2500 out of a possible 3000.

The boys made the trip to Portland accompanied by their coach and teacher, O. A. Paulson and enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the world's champion dairy cows and the wonderful stock exhibit on display at the show.

ONTARIO SENDS LARGE CROWD TO THE IDAHO-UTAH GAME

Nearly one hundred Ontarians made the trip to Boise last Friday and Saturday to see the Idaho-Utah football game and were repaid for the effort by seeing one of the best exhibitions of the gridiron sport shown in this section for years. Without resorting to new trick plays, but relying on the ability of Beany Brashears, Babe Brown and Skippy Stivers to puncture the Utah line, the Idaho Vandals won the game by a 16 to 0 score.

Aside from the work of the Vandals above mentioned, the backing up of the line by Brown and the open field running and returning of punts by Stivers were the features. Several speed records were reported broken by Ontarians who made the trip across the desert road which never was in better condition than at present.

ORCHARDISTS MEET FOR PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Three meetings were held during the week for the benefit of the fruit growers to study the principles of pruning fruit trees and to hold demonstrations in the orchards. G. L. Long of the extension service was in charge of these meetings and demonstrations which were arranged for by the county agent in cooperation with the farm bureau committee on horticulture. The meetings were well attended by practical orchardists in every instance and a great deal of interest taken in learning the methods of pruning recommended by the specialist for building up strong, long lived trees that will carry loads of fruit when they are grown.

RAILROAD QUESTION TO BE SETTLED SOON

I. C. C. Sets November 21st as Date for Hearing Arguments on Final Order in Dissolution of Merger and Re-alignment of Roads

Joining with a number of the communities of Oregon interested in the final adjudication of the railroad controversy involving the disposition of the Central Pacific railroad which was ordered to be severed from the Southern Pacific by the Supreme Court in the Utah case, Ontario, through the directors of the Commercial club yesterday authorized Nichols, Hallock & Donald of Baker and E. J. Wilson of Portland to represent this community's interests before the Inter-state Commerce commission that the hearing to be held in Washington on November 21.

At the same time the club authorized the appearance before the commission of William Pollman of Baker as a witness in behalf of this city and its commercial interests. All this was done in the passage of a resolution setting forth the views of the club.

Messrs. Pollman, Hallock and Williams will leave today for Washington to be present at the hearing.

At the same time the Inter-state Commerce Commission will have before it the complaint drawn by H. H. Corey of the Public Service commission of Oregon to compel one of the railroad systems to build a railroad line from Crane westward to connect with an extension of the present line which runs up the Deschutes to Bend at or near Odell connecting there with the proposed Natron cut-off from Oakridge to Klamath.

In the prayer of this complaint Mr. Corey makes the most graphic picture of the needs for such railroad extensions to serve 22,000 square miles of territory which now have no railroad facilities at all, and describes in detail the traffic in lumber and other products which cannot find a market without such a transportation system.

Mr. Corey's complaint is an exhaustive study of the transportation problem of Central Oregon and its relations to Western Oregon, the Willamette Valley, Portland and Northern California, as well as Eastern Oregon.

The complaint is drawn under the terms of the 1920 railroad act which provides that such procedure may be started on investigation made by the commission. Under this law two previous complaints have been filed; one in Nebraska and one in Washington. The Nebraska complaint was denied. The Washington case has been heard by an ex-commissioner itself has not passed upon it.

JUVENILE PARTY TO BE GIVEN BY GIRL'S CLUB

At the home of Mrs. Owen H. Test next Tuesday evening the Girl's club will hold a Juvenile party at which they will return to the days of their childhood in costumes of days gone by for them. Last Tuesday evening the club met at the Public Library Auditorium and listened to an interesting program on books and favorite authors, several of the members presenting reviews of favorite books and authors.

PYTHIAN KNIGHTS AND THE PYTHIAN SISTERS HAVE SOCIAL

Wednesday evening was "stunt" night with the members of Armour Lodge K. of P. and the Pythian Sisters when they held a basket social. The baskets sold at an average price of \$1.75 and the sale itself proved a feature. Among other stunts Dr. C. M. Tyler told the story of Damon and Pythias and C. E. Cox presented an unusual number and everyone had a good time.

SNAKE RIVER CONTINUES TO COVER BODY OF DROWNED MAN

Although relatives and friends assisted by the officers have continued the search for the body of Herman Bierman who was drowned in the Snake river when he attempted to ford it on Tuesday, November 7, the effort has been in vain. The relatives of the drowned man have patrolled the stream on both sides for miles in hope that the waters have given up the body, and residents down the stream have been asked to watch for it.